activities of divisible nature. At present 16 Central Ministries/Departments are formulating and implementing Special Component Plan. The position is reviewed at regular intervals.

Projects for NE States

*175. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and their status that have been undertaken by North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. in the North Eastern States;

(b) the details of the projects set up in Tripura;

(c) whether Government are aware that the pineapple processing project at Nalkata of Tripura is deteriorating year by year and the rate of production is showing downward trend; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) :(a) North-Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC) has the following projects in the North Eastern States:

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Capacity	Location	Present Status
1.	Pineapple Juice Concentration Plant	48 Tonnes Per Day	Nalkata District, Dhalai (TRIPURA)	Operational Since 1988
2.	Cashew Processing Unit	500 Kgs. Per day	Arundhati Nagar industrial Estate, Agartala, Tripura	Operational since 1993-94
3.	Ginger Processing Plant	5 Tonnes Per Day	Export Promotional industrial Park, Byrnihat, Meghalaya	Completed in June 2004, and trial run carried out in June July, 2004.

(b) The details of the Projects set up in Tripura are as follows:

(i) A Pineapple Processing Plant at Nalkata, District Dhalai was commissioned in the year 1988 with an installed capacity of 48 MT per day at a cost of Rs. 3.62 crore. The Plant was commissioned only for Pineapple Juice Concentrate and is functional for seasonal production. It produces Pineapple Juice Concentrate, Pineapple Pulp during harvesting season of pineapple. The Plant has an aseptic filler for packaging the finished product in natural form without any chemical preservative. The PJC plant at Nalkata generates employment of around 20,000 man days per year during season and regularly employs 23 persons.

(ii) A Cashew Processing Plant was set up in Arundhati Nagar Industrial Estate in Agartala as a cost of around 10 lakhs with an installed capacity of 500 kgs raw cashew nut per day. The plant was commissioned in 1993-94 and started production in 1994-95. The Cashew nut Processing Plant at Agartala also generate employment of 7,500 man days per year and provides regular employment to 3 persons.

(c) and (d) The production in the Pineapple Processing Project over the last two years has gone up. However, the plant has been running on loss right from its inception. In view of this NERAMAC has commissioned a turnaround study for the Corporation which also includes the Pineapple Processing Plant at Nalkata.

India's rank in the World Education Sector

*176. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the place of India in the World ranking in the realm of education currently;

(b) whether the place of India in the ranking is continuously sliding downwards; and